

RECEIVED

JUL 19 2001

TECH CENTER 1600/2900

PATENT APPLICATION



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of Llinas-Brunet, M. et al

Appln. No. 09/368,866

Group Art Unit: 1626

Filed: 08/05/99

Examiner: D. Lambkin

For: Hepatitis C Inhibitor Tri-Peptides

Atty. Docket No. 13/068

RECEIVED

16K  
A. Harmon  
7/24/01  
AE

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated April 17, 2001.

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 1, line 1, insert the following:

-- The present application claims benefit to U.S. Provisional Applications 60/095,931, filed on August 10, 1998, and 60/132,386, filed on May 4, 1999. --

At page 4, lines 19-21, delete the paragraph and replace with the following:

-- or **B** is an acyl derivative of formula  $R_4-C(O)-$ ; a carboxyl derivative of formula  $R_4-O-C(O)-$ ; an amide derivative of formula  $R_4-N(R_5)-C(O)-$ ; a thioamide derivative of formula  $R_4-N(R_5)-C(S)-$ ; or a sulfonyl derivative of formula  $R_4-SO_2$  wherein --

164

C